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To Whom It May Concern:

I am greatly opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current settlement on the table does not fully redress the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future.

The vast majority of the provisions within the settlement only formalize and perpetuate the status quo. Of the remaining provisions, none will effectively prohibit Microsoft from abusing its current monopoly position in the operating system market. This is especially important in view of the seriousness of Microsoft's past transgressions.

Most importantly, the proposed settlement does nothing to correct Microsoft's previous actions. Actions, I might add, which have repeatedly shown Microsoft does not acknowledge the authority and has no respect for the courts. There are no provisions that correct or redress their previous and willful abuses. They only prohibit the future repetition of those abuses. This, in my opinion, goes against the very foundation of law. If a person or organization is able to commit illegal acts, benefit from those acts and then receive as a "punishment" instructions that they cannot commit those acts again, they have still benefited from their illegal acts. That is not justice, not for the victims of their abuses and not for the American people in general.

While the Court's desire that a settlement be reached is well-intentioned, it is simply wrong to reach an unjust settlement just for settlement's sake. A wrong that is not corrected is compounded.

Please, I respectfully demand satisfaction be delivered and justice be served. Please allow competition by standing behind the American way of life. Force them to compete and innovate in the market place. Hold them accountable to the highest degree allowed for by law. Only then will justice and the American people of been properly served and protected by the courts.

Sincerely,

Greg Copeland